



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is a serious genetic disorder association with liver disease in infants, children, and adults, and lung disease in young adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and

WHEREAS, one in thirty-seven people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 to 100,000 U.S. citizens are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is misdiagnosed and under diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase Awareness and Detection of this misdiagnosed and under diagnosed disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2002, to be

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and to continue and expand education and promote access to quality care and services for all people affected by Alpha-1.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-second day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

Dirk Kempthorne
DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE